



City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services

2016 Youth Coed Soccer Rules Kindergarten & 1st Grade



I. Team Roster

- A. All participants **must** be properly registered through the Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services. Rosters are limited to no more than 12 players.
- B. All participants must be currently enrolled in kindergarten or turn 5 years of age by August 31, 2016.
- C. All participants must play in the grade that they are in for the 2016-2017 school year and cannot play up or down a grade level. Any misrepresentation of grade or age will result in immediate withdrawal from the program and will require permission from Kent Parks to continue participation in any future programs.
- D. Players may be added to teams with less than 12 players on or before September 17, 2016. No player additions starting September 18, 2016.
- E. A team shall consist of eight (8) players on the field.

II. General Information

A. Fields:

- 1) Games will be played at Wilson Playfields (located at 13028 S.E. 251st St. Kent, WA).
- 2) Each team and their spectators will take **opposite** sides of the field. Coaches and spectators are **not** allowed on opponent's side of field nor behind either goal line or goal posts.

Upper Wilson Playfields

Home Team on South Sideline
Visitor Team on North Sideline

- 3) **Coaching:** Coaches, parents, spectators and players not on the field of play, must remain behind the touchline. No one is allowed behind the endline/goalbox.

- 4) The field of play is rectangular, it's length being 60 yards long and it's width being 30 yards wide.

- 5) The mid field line shall be marked and the center circle shall have a six yard radius.

- 6) The field will not have a penalty box or penalty mark.

B. Equipment:

- 1) Tennis shoes or rubber molded **soccer cleats** are the only shoes allowed. Shin guards are mandatory. Socks worn over the shin guards are recommended.
- 2) The referee will furnish the game ball (size #3).
- C. **Officials:** Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services will assign the referee. Each team will supply one line judge to assist the referee. Line judges only give direction on out-of-bounds and do not call fouls or offsides. The referee can overrule the line judges.
- D. **Jewelry Policy:** Participants are not allowed to wear any jewelry (necklaces, earrings, bracelets, etc.) while playing. Those participants that have medical I.D. bracelets may wear a

wristband over the bracelet. Hair control devices may be worn if made of soft material and not for adornment. Earrings cannot be taped or covered, but must be removed.

III. General Information (continued)

- E. **Pre-Game Check:** The officials will do a cleat and jewelry check before each game. Coaches will be informed of any player(s) that must change or alter their shoes or take off any jewelry. If the player(s) are on the field with jewelry or illegal shoes, they and the coach will receive a yellow card. The player must be replaced and cannot return until the items have been removed. Any infraction from that point will lead to a red card for both the player and coach.

III. Game Information

A. **Game Length:**

- 1) Four (4) x 10-minute quarters with a five- (5) minute halftime.
- 2) No grace period will be allowed. All coaches are expected to have their team ready for play 15 minutes before game time.
- 3) Coin toss will decide opening kickoff. Teams alternate kickoffs each quarter and teams will change direction at halftime.
- 4) Scores and standing will NOT be kept.

IV. Playing Procedures

- A. **Participation Guidelines:** All players must participate a minimum of half the game.

B. **Substitutions:**

- 1) Substitutions can only be made with the consent of the referee.
- 2) Unlimited substitutions are allowed and may be made by either team after a goal is scored, at halftime, on a throw-in, corner kick, goal kick or free kick.

C. **Goalkeeper/Goal area:**

- 1) Goalie's dress must be distinct from that of the other players of both teams. Colored vest is provided.
- 2) The goal box area shall extend into the field of play (4) four yards from the goal posts and be joined by a (12) twelve yard line parallel with the goal line. **Offensive players are prohibited to enter the goal box area. This is to protect the goalie from injury.** Defensive players are allowed to be within the goal box area to help defend their goal.
- 3) **Goal Kicks** – On all goal kicks the opposing team must move at least 10 yards toward the center line until the ball has been kicked.

4) The goal is 12 feet wide X 6 1/2 feet tall with a goal box of 18 feet X 36 feet.

D. **Offside:**

- 1) There will be no offsides in this league.

- E. **National Federation of State High School Associations** rules will be adhered to other than those noted in the Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Coed K - 1 Grade Soccer Rules.

- F. **Protests:** No protests are allowed.

IV. Playing Procedures (continued)

G. Penalties/Penalty Kicks/Kick off/Corner Kicks/Throw – ins.

- 1) No penalty kicks will be taken during the game. Rather, indirect free kicks shall be awarded for **fouls**.
- 2) All players must be (6) six yards from the ball on an indirect free kick, corner kick and the kick off.
- 3) On all kicks the ball must travel the distance of its own circumference before it's in play.
- 4) **One re – throw** will be allowed if a foul occurs on a throw – in.

H. Dangerous Play.

- 1) Kent Parks and Recreation discourages “slide tackling”. “Slide tackling” at this level of play often results in dangerous play and the official will make a dangerous play call.

V. Player/Coach/Spectator Conduct:

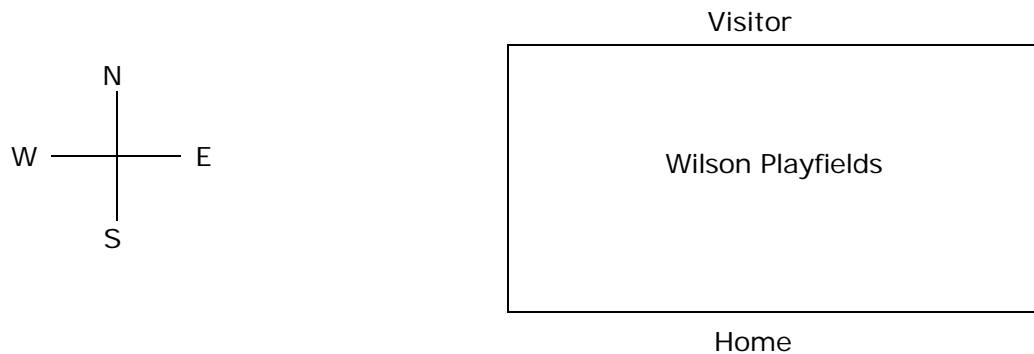
- A. Any person(s) who is confrontational, threatens and/or is verbally/physically abusive, in any way towards a referee, player, coach, parent, spectator or city employee before, during or after the game will be suspended for a minimum of two (2) games and as much as expulsion from the league and future Kent Parks programs. Person(s) must have Program Coordinator's permission to be reinstated.
- B. A player/coach who receives two cautions (yellow cards) or one red card will result in expulsion from the remainder of the game and as well as be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game more. Program Coordinator will decide on length of suspension.
- C. Only the head coach can talk with the official before and during the game. Coaches, players, parents or spectators **are not** allowed to discuss, review or talk with the official once the game is over. This may result in a minimum one (1) game suspension. After the game, congratulate the kids for playing a great game and enjoy the post-game snack.
- D. Any person(s) ejected from the game will leave the field immediately or automatically forfeit the game and face possible expulsion from the league and future Kent Parks programs.
- E. Any person(s) that is on suspension cannot attend any Kent Parks programs/activities during the length of their suspension. Failure to comply may result in possible expulsion from the league and future Kent Parks programs.
- F. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that any assistant coach(es), parents or spectators that are suspended not attend game(s) during their suspension.
- G. Coaches are responsible for the actions of their players and spectators. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a player(s) or spectator(s) will result in immediate removal from the field or the team will automatically forfeit the game. Person(s) will face possible suspension from further games as well as possible expulsion from the league and future Kent Parks programs. Person(s) must have Program Coordinator's permission to be reinstated.
- H. Any participant that is suspended from school is ineligible to partake in practices or games until their suspension has been completed.
- I. **Casual Profanity:** Casual profanity pertains to expletives and verbal unsportsmanlike language not necessarily directed at officials or opposing players, but is uttered by a player/coach or spectator out of frustration. This type of behavior is penalized by a yellow card against the offending player/person and a direct free kick to the opposing team. **Any profanity, inappropriate name-calling, or unsportsmanlike language directed to an official, player,**

coach or spectator may result in a red card and automatic expulsion from the game.

- J. Coaches and spectators are not allowed on the field of play other than when motioned on by the referee to attend to an injured player.

V. Player/Coach/Spectator Conduct (continued):

- K. Players/spectators/coaches are not allowed to cheer against the opposing team. Everybody is encouraged to cheer for the kids, regardless of which team they are on, so that their playing experience is a joyous one. **Good sportsmanship is contagious.**
- L. **Tobacco Policy:** No person's (coaches/volunteers/spectators/staff) may use tobacco (smoke, chew, etc.) on City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services or Kent School District playing facilities while practice/games are in session. This applies to **everyone**, spectators, coaches and participants.
- M. The City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinators have the authority to make rulings on all dealings regarding this league. All decisions are final.



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